

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Shuji SAITOH et al.

Serial Number: 09/147,052

Filed: April 5, 1999

For: NOVEL FUSED PROTEIN, GENE THEREFOR, RECOMBINANT VECTOR,
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Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action mailed February 29, 2000, for one month from May 29, 2000 to June 29, 2000.

Attached hereto is a check in which the amount of **\$110.00** to cover the extension fee is included. In the event that this paper is not considered to be timely filed, it is requested that an appropriate extension of time be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340, in addition to any other fees which may now be due with respect to this paper. Two extra copies of this paper are enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

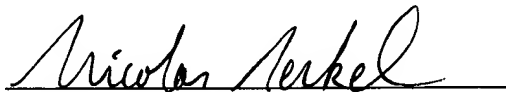
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